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Letter dated 6 April 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat of the United Nations, transmitting drafting proposals on the revised draft Programme of Action (A/CONF.192/PC/L.4/Rev.1)

The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and has the honour to enclose herewith drafting proposals by Sri Lanka on the revised draft Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (A/CONF.192/PC/L.4/Rev.1) (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka requests that these drafting proposals be circulated as a document of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference.

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Annex

Drafting proposals submitted by Sri Lanka on the revised draft Programme of Action

Section I. Preamble

Add text in **bold to** paragraph 5:

Concerned also about the close link between terrorism, **hostage taking, bombings and** organized crime and ***interalia*** **drug trafficking, human smuggling, money laundering**, on the one hand, and the uncontrolled spread of small arms and light weapons on the other, and stressing the importance of international efforts aimed at combating them

New para 9 bis:

Condemning *all acts, methods and practices of terrorism regardless of their motivation, in all forms of manifestations, wherever and by whomever committed, as acts aimed at the destruction of human rights, fundamental freedoms and democracy, threatening territorial integrity and security of States , destabilizing legitimately constituted Governments, undermining pluralistic civil society and the rule of law and having adverse consequences for economic and social development of the State.* CHR Res 2000/31: OP 1

Add text in Bold to Paragraph 8

Bearing in mind the right of self determination of all peoples, **which shall not be construed as authorizing or encouraging any action which would dismember or impair, totally or in part, the territorial integrity or political unity of sovereign and independent States conducting themselves in compliance with the principle of equal rights and self determination of peoples and thus possessed of a government representing the whole people to the territory without distinction of any kind** (OP 2 of VDPA 1993)

Section II

Para 2: - add text in **bold**

To establish, where they do not exist, national co-ordination agencies or bodies and the appropriate institutional infrastructure responsible for policy guidance, research and monitoring of efforts to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects. This should include aspects of the spread, control, circulation , trade, **finance,** collection, destruction and reduction of small arms and light weapons.

NEW Para as 3 bis:

Identify groups and individuals, engaged in the illegal manufacture, trade, stockpiling , transfer, possession, as well as financing for acquisition, of illicit arms and light weapons and take appropriate legislative measures to criminalize activities of such groups and individuals

Para 4: - add text in **bold**

To put in place adequate laws, regulations and administrative procedures to exercise effective control over the legal manufacture , stockpiling, transfer and possession of small arms and light weapons within their jurisdiction. To ensure that those engaged in the illegal **trade,** manufacture, stockpiling, transfer, ~~and~~ possession, **as well as, those engaged in fundraising activities for the acquisition of such arms,** can and will be prosecuted under appropriate penal codes.

NEW Para as 4 bis

To adopt legislative and other measures to interdict the linkages between the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons, and, other serious international crime, particularly: acts of terrorism directed against States and civilian populations; hostage taking; drugs smuggling; human smuggling; illicit trade in diamonds; and money laundering

NEW Para as 14 bis

To interdict all forms of acquisition of small arms and light weapons by terrorist groups, criminal organizations and irregular non-state actors, and for the purpose of such acquisition: all techniques of fundraising; use of front entities; abuse of shipping networks and regulations;piracy; and documentary fraud

Para 22- add text in n **bold**

To make public or submit to relevant regional and international organizations, in accordance with their national practices, information on, inter alia: (a) small arms and light weapons confiscated or destroyed within their jurisdiction; (b) national laws and regulations and processes that impact on the prevention and reduction of the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons (c) any other information such as illicit trade routes**,** ~~and~~ techniques **of acquisition**, that can contribute to the eradication of the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons **in all its aspects**